

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second paragraph at page 4, line 10 to read as follows:

A coupling structure of a shaft body and a shaft joint according to the present invention is a coupling structure for coupling a shaft body and a shaft joint having an engagement groove with which the shaft body is engaged and bores facing the engagement groove by a coupling shaft inserted into the bores, characterized in that the shaft body has a positioning recess in the middle thereof in a longitudinal direction, and the shaft joint has a flexible member which is provided on an outer side in a longitudinal direction of the engagement groove and is to be engaged with the positioning recess. The flexible member may be provided more inwardly than ~~the other a~~ side face of the engagement groove.

Please amend the first paragraph at page 9, line 1 to read as follows:

~~In one~~ A side face of the engagement groove 21 of the joint portion 2, has one side face and the other side face being separated and facing each other, wherein two receiving recesses 24 which are caved in more deeply than the one side face are provided on the edge side in the depth direction in the one side face of the engagement groove 21.

Please amend the second paragraph, page 11, line 9 to read as follows:

A part of the wide portion 57a serves as a deflection regulating portion 57c facing the other side face of the engagement groove 21. In the case where the engagement portion 11 is not engaged in the correct position due to an insufficient amount of engagement, if the engagement portion 11 comes into contact with the edge of the wide portion 57a, the deflection regulating portion 57c comes into contact with the other side face of the engagement groove 21 and regulates the deflection of the flexible member 57. Besides, the wide portion 57a is located in a position where it does not come into contact with the engagement portion 11 when the engagement portion 11 is engaged with the engagement groove 21, and therefore the engagement portion 11 does not come into contact with the wide portion 57a when pulling out the shaft body 1 in the longitudinal

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direction of the engagement groove 21 by deflecting the narrow portion 57b and canceling the engagement of the narrow portion 57b with the positioning recess 12.

Please amend the third paragraph, bridging pages 13 and 14, line 22 to read as follows:

In the case where the positioning recess 12 is apart from the flexible member 57 in the longitudinal direction of the engagement groove 21 and the shaft body 1 is not engaged in the correct position due to an insufficient amount of engagement, the engagement portion 11 comes into contact with the edge of the wide portion 57a of the flexible member 57 and cannot be inserted into the engagement groove 21. It is therefore possible to judge that the shaft body 1 is not engaged in the correct position due to an insufficient amount of engagement, and to avoid coupling in the state in which the shaft body 1 is not engaged in the correct position due to the insufficient amount of engagement. Note that since the flexible member 57 has the deflection regulating portion 57c, when the engagement portion 11 comes into contact with the edge of the wide portion 57a, the deflection regulating portion 57c comes into contact with ~~a~~the other side face of the engagement groove 21 and can regulate the deflection of the flexible member 57, thereby surely preventing insertion of the engagement portion 11 into the engagement groove 21.